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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIA DROUGHT

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1. STEEVENSON CLAIMS HE IS FULLY PREPARED TO DISCUSS MATTER AT BRUSSELS, AND HE THINKS DONORS WILL BE PLEASED WITH EFFORTS IEG IS MAKING. WHETHER THIS WILL STAND UP UNDER KNOWLEDGEABLE QUESTIONING REMAINS TO BE SEEN. HE SAYS IEG ATTEMPTING TO PROCURE LOCALLY 25 TO 50,000 TONS GRAIN FOR REDISTRIBUTION AND IS IN ADDITION TO GRAIN STABILIZATION PROGRAM BUT THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO JIBE WITH REF C PARA 5 B. ALSO UNDERSTANDS DONATIONS ARE FOR FOOD FOR WORK AND FREE DISTRIBUTIONS - NOT FOR SALES (PARA 2 REF B). HE INDICATED "PROGRESS REPORT NO. 1" HOT OFF PRESS CONTAINED MUCH INFORMATION ON SELF HELP BUT EXAMINATION SUGGESTS MATERIAL ON THAT POINT PROBABLY ALREADY REPORTED TO WASHINGTON. :(COPIES REPORT POUCHED KNOLL AFR/ESA.)

RELATED THIS POINT, REPORT INDICATES 150,000 TON ESTIMATE UNLIKELY BE REDUCED AND CURRENT REVISED GUESS CLOSER TO 164,000 "OTHER THAN THAT WHICH IEG WILL, APART FROM EXTERNAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DONATIONS, MAKE EFFORTS TO MOBILIZE FOR REDISTRIBUTION

RANGING FROM 25 TO 50,000 TONS." REPORT ALSO STATES "IT HAS BEEN DECIDED FOOD COMPONENT FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMMES WILL BE FOUND FROM DONATIONS THEREBY ELIMINATING ANY ADDITIONAL COST FOR THE FOOD REQUIRED."

2. RE PARA 2 REF A, REPORT INCLUDES 94,500 TONS COMMITMENTS APPARENTLY ALL ATTRIBUTABLE TO ABOVE REQUIREMENT AND ESTIMATES ROUGHLY TOTAL 125,000 WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE. FIGURES ARE SAME AS ROME 976 EXCEPT BELGIUM DROPPED AND GERMANY (PROVISIONAL) 8000. OF THE ABOVE 66000 IS SHOWN AS 1973 COMMITMENT AND ONLY EEC 20,000 FRANCE 5000 CANADA 3500 SHOWN AS 1974.

3. FYI PORTION REF B AND RELATED REF A SUGGESTIONS ON USE STABILIZATION FUND NOT DISCUSSED.

4. ASSUME THE 21 PROJECTS SUMMARIZED IN REPORT ARE SAME AS THOSE HAND CARRIED WASHINGTON BY EUBANKS BUT THEY LOOK LIKE SHORT TERM EMERGENCY RATHER THAN MEDIUM TO LONG RANGE REHABILITATION. FOR EXAMPLE OF PROJECTED IEG CONTRIBUTION E \$4.5 MILLION MORE THAN HALF (2.5 MILLION) IS FOR EMERGENCY SEED SUPPLY. SOME FOOD FOR WORK PROJECTS (ROAD CONSTRUCTION, RURAL WATER SUPPLY, FORESTATION) SHOULD, OF COURSE, SERVE BOTH PURPOSES. VOLPE

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